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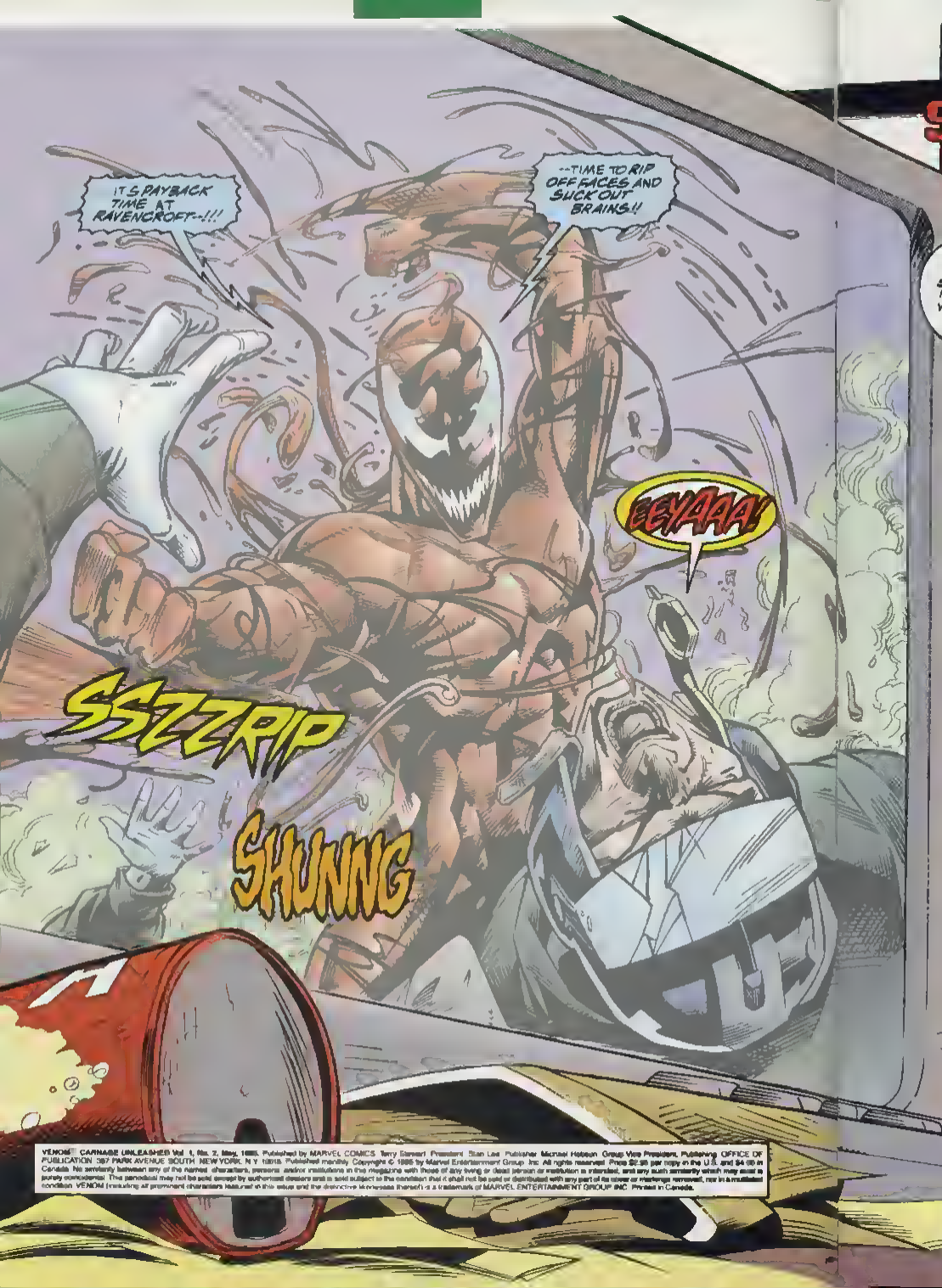
WE'RE ONLY BACK IN NEW YORK CITY FOR FIVE MINUTES AND ALREADY WE'VE GOT CARNAGE DEFENESTRATING CITIZENS FROM SKYSCRAPERS!
WE KNOW YOU'RE UP THERE, CARNAGE!
WE CAN SEE YOUR NASTY LITTLE TENDRILS RETRACTING THROUGH THE SHATTERED WINDOW!
WHERE DID HE FALL FROM?
UP THERE THE HEADQUARTERS OF E[illegible]IVE VIOL NCE VIDEO GAMES
YOU KNOW THEIR MOTTO, "WE MAY BE BRUTAL BUT AT LEAST WE'RE NON REPLICABLE!"
—TIME TO ROCK AND ROLL, KIDDIES...!!
HUH?
EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE



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CARNAGE! HE'S BACK IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY ASYLUM, BUT HOW COULD THAT BE WHEN WE JUST SAW THE SYMBIOTE TENDRILS HERE!

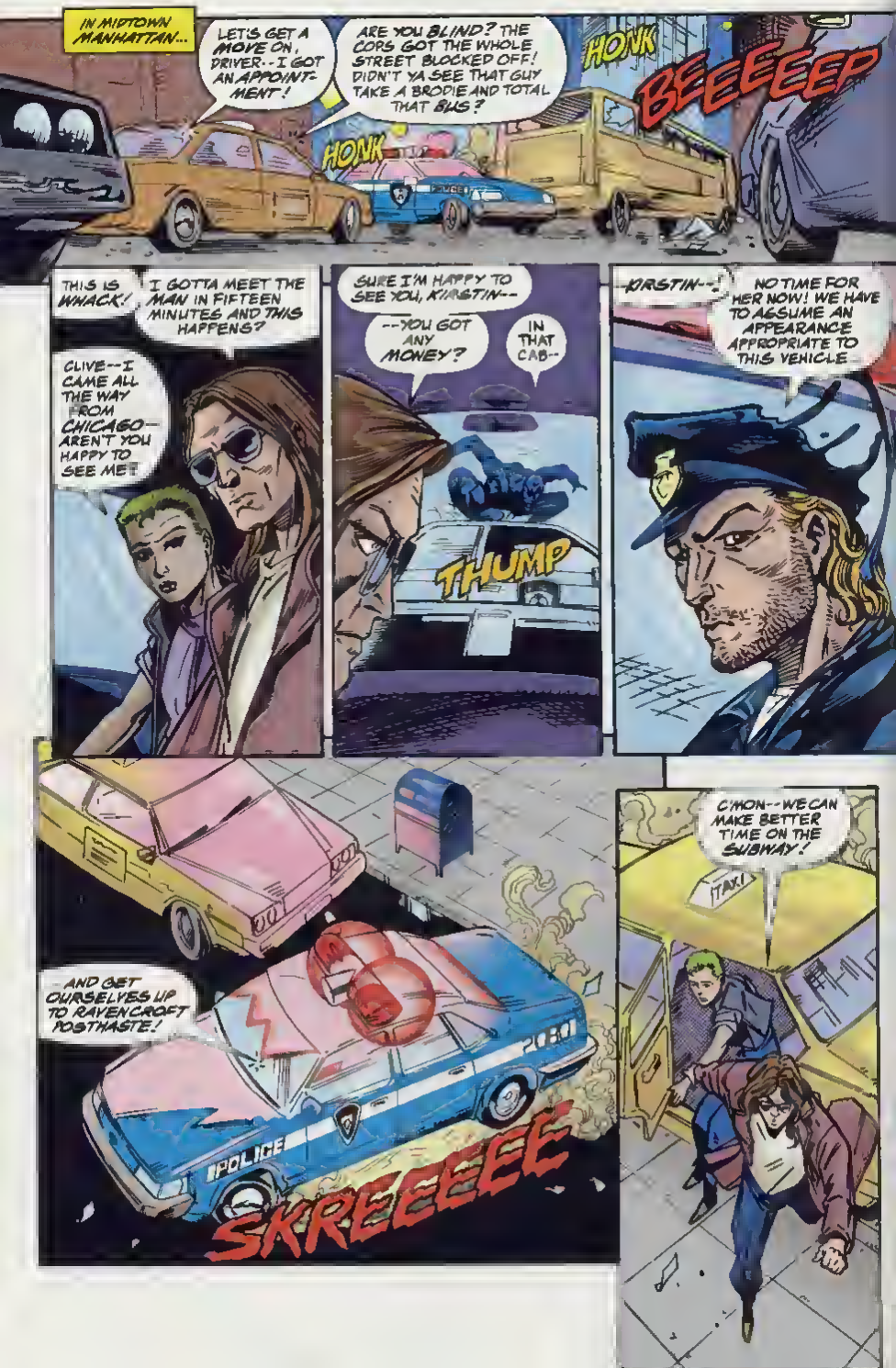
THEY WERE DISAPPEARING INTO THE COMPUTER MONITOR!

COULD THAT MURDEROUS MANIAC HAVE DISCOVERED A WAY FOR HIS OTHER TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE PHONE LINES VIA A MODEM??

EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE

EEEYOW!
YOU BOYS ARE STARTING TO GET ME BURNED!
COL JAMESON-- THE NEW MICROWAVE HEAT PROJECTORS ARE DOING THE TRICK--
--HE'S RETREATING BACK TO HIS CELL!
DID YOU HEAR THAT, DR KAFKA? WE'VE GOT HIM CORNERED!
IF WE CAN BRING CONCENTRATED FIRE TO BEAR ON HIM, WE CAN FINISH HIM OFF FOR GOOD--
THAT'S COLD-BLOODED MURDER! YOU CAN'T LET HIM DO THAT, KAFKA--
PAZZO IS CORRECT. WE MUST HAVE OTHER OPTIONS. JAMESON?
WHAT IF HE GETS LOOSE, DR KAFKA?! WE'LL BE RESPONSIBLE--
I'M THE DIRECTOR. I TAKE THE HEAT.
KASADY MIGHT BE CONTAINED IF WE REGAIN CONTROL OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM...!

APPARENTLY, THAT'S HOW CLETUS KASADY, AKA CARNAGE, MANAGED TO EFFECT HIS ESCAPE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
I SHOULD HAVE NEVER MADE THAT DEAL WITH THE VIDEO GAME COMPANY--
RAVENCROFT
DR KAFKA, MY SECURITY PEOPLE HAVE THE BUILDING COMPLETELY SURROUNDED AND SEALED...
YOU MAY TAKE THE HEAT, BUT AS DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, I HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS FROM THE DEPRADATIONS OF YOUR CHARGES!
YOU HAVE ONE HOUR, AND THEN WE TAKE HIM DOWN!
DR. PAZZO?
YES?
YOU'LL HAVE TO ASSIST ME TRY TO GET AN OUTSIDE PHONE LINE AND CONTACT SHERMAN OAKES AT EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE --
NO DICE, KAFKA-CAKES! OL' SHERM THE GERM JUST MADE A BIG SPLASH IN NEW YORK--
--ALL OVER THE TOP OF A BUS!!
HOO-HA!! THEY COULD HAVE CHAR-BROILED ME TO A CRISP WHEN THEY HAD THE CHANCE, BUT NOW, THEY'VE BLOWN IT!
NOW COMES THE GOOD PART--
--WHERE I WIN!


IN MIDTOWN MANHATTAN...
LET'S GET A MOVE ON, DRIVER--I GOT AN APPOINTMENT!
ARE YOU BLIND? THE CORS GOT THE WHOLE STREET BLOCKED OFF! DIDN'T YA SEE THAT GUY TAKE A BRODIE AND TOTAL THAT BUS?
HONK
HONK
BEEEEEP
POLICE
THIS IS WHACK!
I GOTTA MEET THE MAN IN FIFTEEN MINUTES AND THIS HAPPENS?
CLIVE--I CAME ALL THE WAY FROM CHICAGO--AREN'T YOU HAPPY TO SEE ME?
SURE I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU, KIRSTIN--
--YOU GOT ANY MONEY?
IN THAT CAB--
THUMP
KIRSTIN--!
NO TIME FOR HER NOW! WE HAVE TO ASSUME AN APPEARANCE APPROPRIATE TO THIS VEHICLE
AND GET OURSELVES UP TO RAVENCROFT POSTHASTE!
POLICE
SKREEEEE
C'MON--WE CAN MAKE BETTER TIME ON THE SUBWAY!
TAXI

WE KNEW IT AS SOON AS WE SAW THAT VIDEO GAME POSTER IN CHICAGO--
--CARNAGE IS JUST USING THESE PEOPLE TO GET FREE!
HEY! YOU CRAZY--
SOMEHOW HIS SYMBIOTE CAN EXTEND ITSELF ON A MOLECULAR LEVEL ALONG THE PHONE LINES THAT CONNECT THE COMPUTER AT RAVENCROFT WITH THE COMPUTER AT THE GAME COMPANY--
BEEP
VROOM
POLICE
AWOOOO
THEORETICALLY, CARNAGE CAN SEND HIS OTHER ANYPLACE THAT HAS A TERMINAL AND A MODEM!
WEST SIDE HIGHWAY NORTH
MIGHT AS WELL CHECK THE RADIO--
--AND THIS JUST IN FROM THE NEWSROOM: AN INFORMED SOURCE SAYS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A NEWS BLACKOUT AT THE RAVENCROFT MAXIMUM SECURITY FACILITY FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE--
CLICK
OF COURSE THERE'S A BLACKOUT, STUPID--!!
POLICE
--THEY DON'T WANT TO ADMIT THAT CARNAGE IS LOOSE!!!

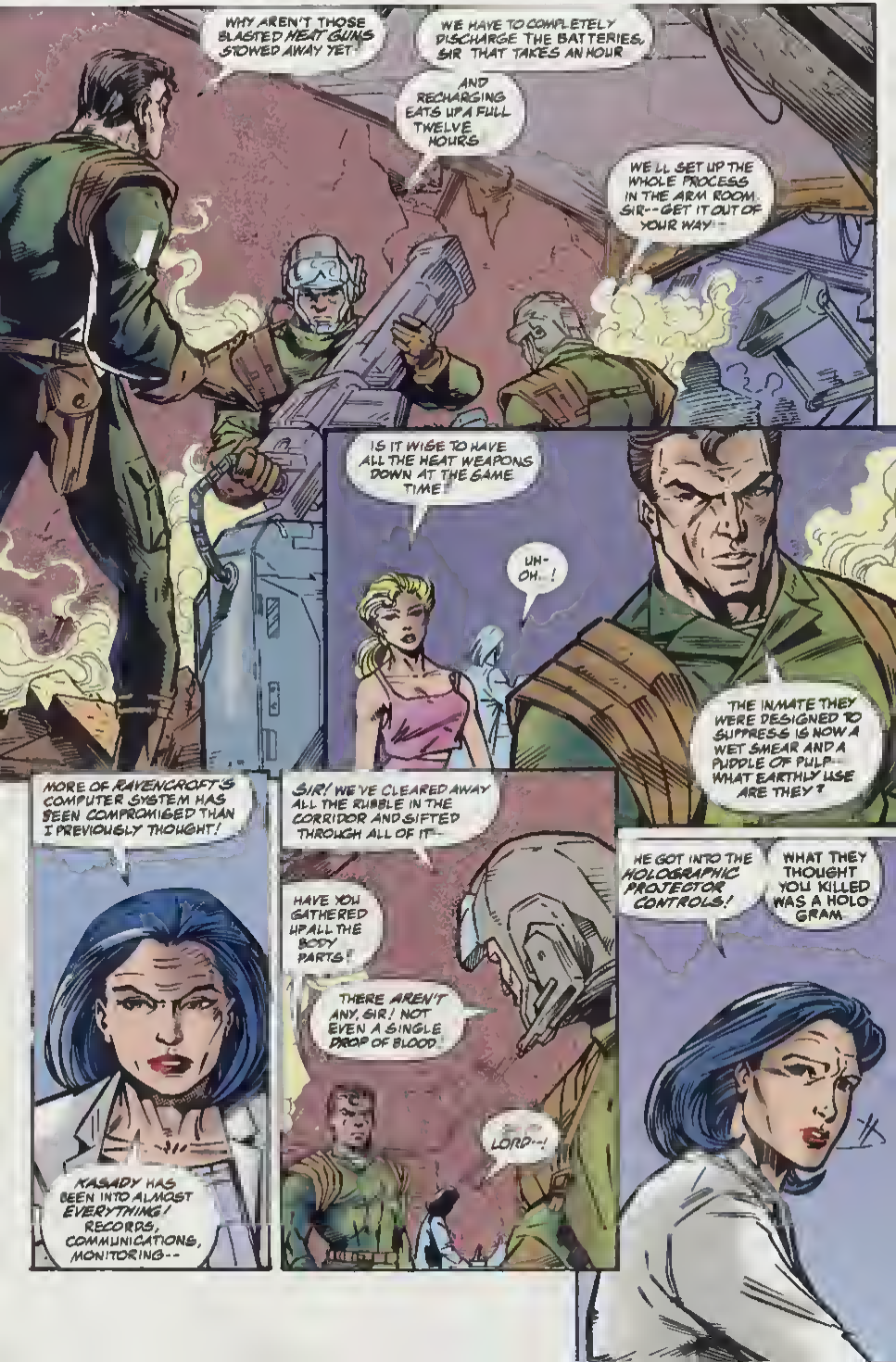
IN THE MIDTOWN MANHATTAN PENTHOUSE OF FORDHAM RHODES, PRESIDENT OF EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE
CARNAGE UNLEASHED IS GOING TO BE A MONSTER!
I TELL YOU, ALANA SHERM AND HIS DEVELOPMENT TEAM HAVE GONE OVER THE TOP ON THIS GAME!
WAIT 'LL HE FINDS OUT YOU'VE BEEN SKIMMING PROFITS, FORDHAM--
NEVER HAPPEN, BABY! HE'S A CREATIVE GEEK AND I'M AN M&A WHO'S ON FIRST, HUH?
ANYTHING YOU SAY, FORDHAM. UH, BY THE WAY--
ALL THE BETA TESTERS ARE ON LINE ALREADY AND CHAMPING AT THE BIT!
THEY CAN'T WAIT UNTIL MIDNIGHT WHEN CARNAGE UNLEASHED GOES ON-LINE AND WHACKED-OUT CLETUS KASADY GOES ON-LINE RIGHT ALONG WITH THEM!
AH, THERE'S SO MUCH PROFIT IN ANTICIPATION!
YOU DID GET THROUGH TO KAFKA AND CONFIRM THE HOOK-UP WITH KASADY, RIGHT?
BEEN CALLING ALL EVENING AND NOBODY ANSWERS!

DR KAFKA--ALL THE PHONE LINES ARE DEAD! THE EXCHANGE STATION FOR THIS WHOLE AREA IS DOWN!
OUR INFAMOUS INMATE HAS BEEN QUITE A BUSY LITTLE HACKER.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET YOU INTERVIEW HIM IN HIS CELL--HE USED HIS COOPERATION AS LEVERAGE FOR MORE COMPUTER TIME!
OH, COME OFF IT, KAFKA! I WAS PROJECTING A HOLOGRAM OF MYSELF INTO HIS CELL AND BESIDES--
--IT WAS YOU WHO MADE THE DEAL FOR THE COMPUTER GAME!
TIME'S UP, LADIES.
WE ARE GOING TO GIVE HIM THE OPTION OF VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION TO REINCARCERATION--
--AND WHEN HE REFUSES, WE'RE GOING TO SUBDUE HIM WITH GRENADE LAUNCHERS, MISSILES AND FLAME-THROWERS!
THAT'S TANTAMOUNT TO MURDER!
"THE SECURITY CHIEF MAY EXERCISE HIS OPTION TO EMPLOY DEADLY FORCE AGAINST AN INMATE IN THE ACT OF ESCAPING IF THE SAFETY OF SECURITY PERSONNEL OR CIVILIANS IS IN PERIL."
THIS SICK PUPPY HAS KILLED FIVE OF MY GUARDS--HE'S GOING DOWN!
MR. JAMESON--!!

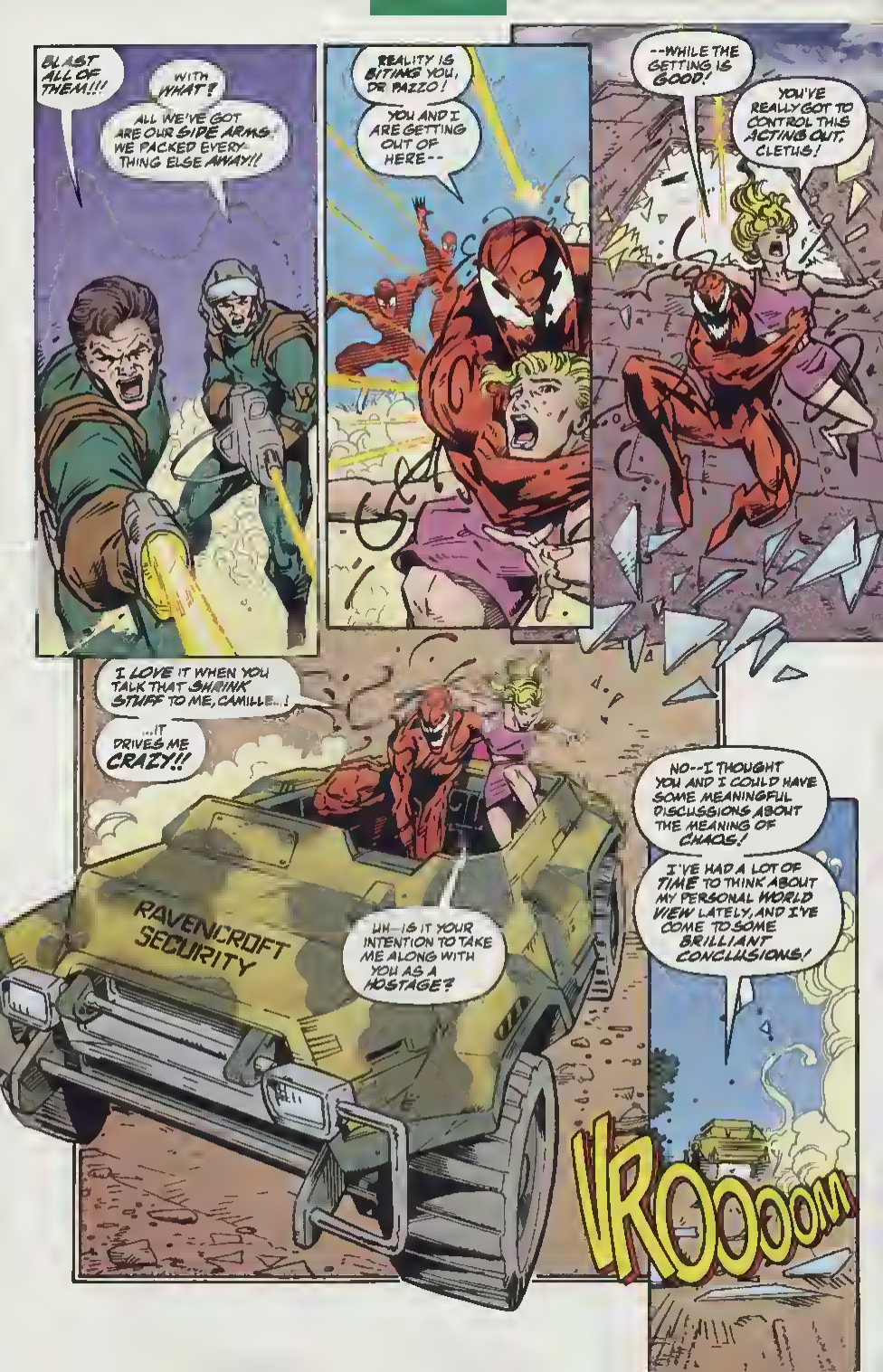
--HERE HE COMES AGAIN!!
HALT! PUT YOUR HANDS ABOVE YOUR HEAD AND FACE THE WALL!!
USE THE HEAT PROTECTORS FIRST--!
GIVE HIM HIS LEGAL WARNING!!!
NO WAY--
HIT HIM WITH THE MICROWAVES!
--YOU DIDN'T SAY "SIMON SAYS"!!
MISSILE AND GRENADE LAUNCHER TEAMS, FRONT AND CENTER!!
HOO-HA!
THE HEAT GUNS AREN'T HAVING ANY AFFECT ON HIM!!
GOOD LORD, JAMESON--
BACK OFF, KAFKA--THIS IS MY SHOW, NOW!

FOOM
FOOM
FIRE!!
KA-THOOM
ALL RIGHT, STAND DOWN THE HEAVY HARDWARE AND GET THOSE USELESS MEAT GUNS OUT OF MY SIGHT!
GET THE ENGINEERS IN HERE TO CLEAR THE RUBBLE AND SCRAPE UP THE PIECES OF KASADY--
THAT WAS BLATANT OVER-REACTION!
BETTER THAN UNDERREACTING AND BEING DEAD.
THAT DID IT!!
MADE KIBBLES & BITS™ OUT OF THAT PSYCHO-PUPPY. WE DID!

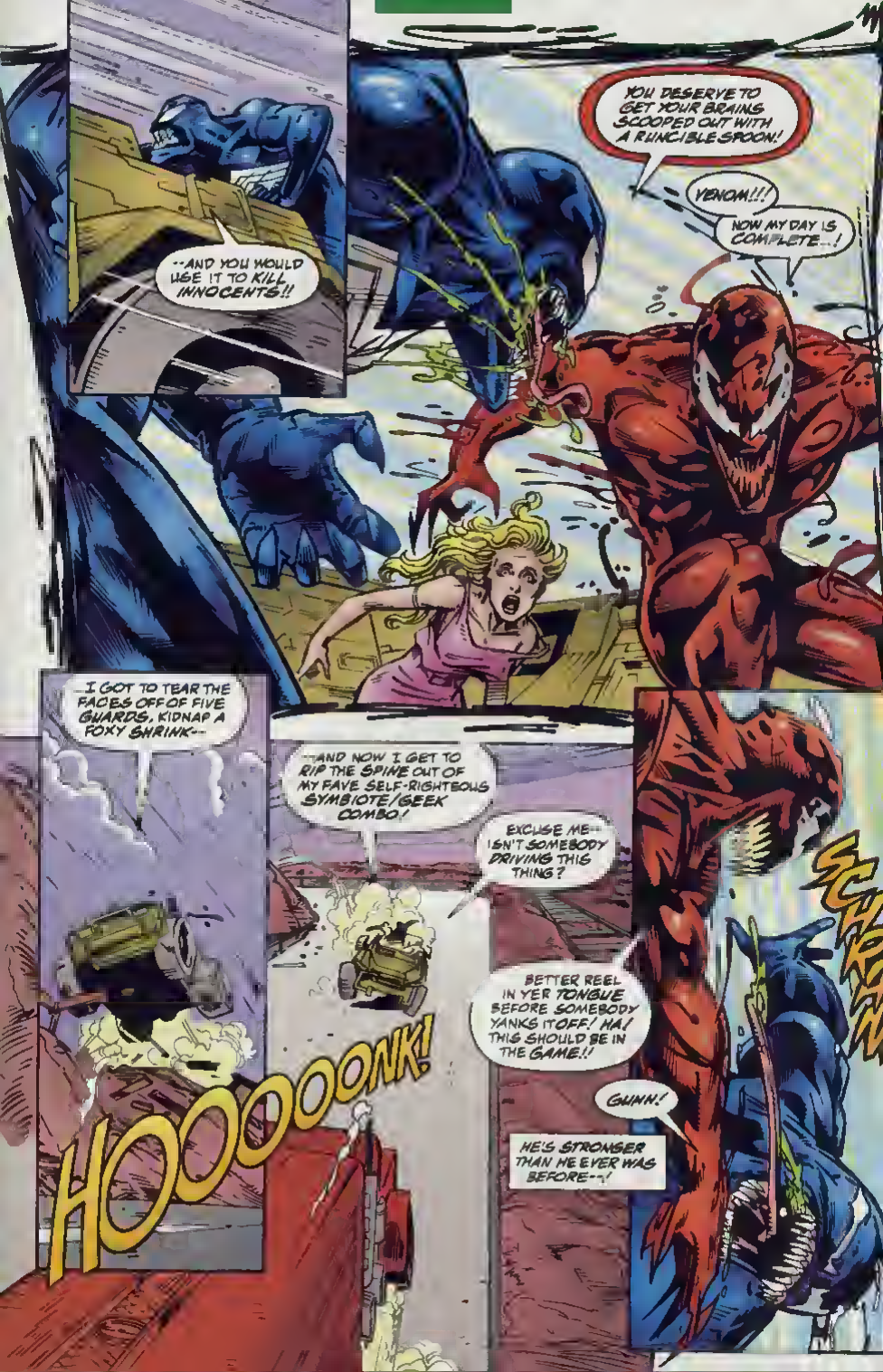
IN THE EAST VILLAGE...
...IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT I PLAN ON FIXING IT UP WHEN MY NATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT COMES THROUGH
GOSH, IT'S--
...IT'S JUST THE WAY I IMAGINED IT WOULD BE!
LOOK, HAVE YOU GOT ANY MONEY OR WHAT...??
...THERE'S THINGS THAT GOTTA GET DONE, PEOPLE WHO GOTTA GET MET, STUFF THAT NEEDS TO GET COPPED--!
I'VE GOT THE MONEY I WAS SAVING TO BUY AN ...
THIS WILL DO NICELY
YOU MAKE YOURSELF RIGHT AT HOME AND I'LL BE BACK--WHEN I GET BACK
PLINK
PLINK
♫ I LEFT THE WINDY CITY WHERE I WAS A PRISONER OF MY DREAMS AND NOW I AM A PAROLEE IN THE BIG BAD APPLE WHERE NOTHING IS WHAT IT SEEMS ♪


WHY AREN'T THOSE BLASTED HEAT GUNS STOWED AWAY YET?
WE HAVE TO COMPLETELY DISCHARGE THE BATTERIES, SIR THAT TAKES AN HOUR
AND RECHARGING EATS UP A FULL TWELVE HOURS
WE'LL SET UP THE WHOLE PROCESS IN THE ARM ROOM, SIR--GET IT OUT OF YOUR WAY!--
IS IT WISE TO HAVE ALL THE HEAT WEAPONS DOWN AT THE SAME TIME?
UH-OH...!
THE INMATE THEY WERE DESIGNED TO SUPPRESS IS NOW A WET SMEAR AND A PUDDLE OF PULP... WHAT EARTHLY USE ARE THEY?
MORE OF RAVENCROFT'S COMPUTER SYSTEM HAS BEEN COMPROMISED THAN I PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT!
KASADY HAS BEEN INTO ALMOST EVERYTHING! RECORDS, COMMUNICATIONS, MONITORING--
SIR! WE'VE CLEARED AWAY ALL THE RUBBLE IN THE CORRIDOR AND SIFTED THROUGH ALL OF IT--
HAVE YOU GATHERED UP ALL THE BODY PARTS?
THERE AREN'T ANY, SIR! NOT EVEN A SINGLE DROP OF BLOOD
LORD--!
HE GOT INTO THE HOLOGRAPHIC PROJECTOR CONTROLS!
WHAT THEY THOUGHT YOU KILLED WAS A HOLOGRAM

THAT'S RIGHT, FOLKS!
I SURE DO HAVE THE HOLOGRAM CONTROLS!
--ME TOO!
--AND SO DO I!
--AND SO DO I!
--AND SO DO I!
--AND SO DO I!
SHUT DOWN THE WHOLE COMPUTER SYSTEM! CUT HIM OFF!
I CAN'T!
THE SECURITY SYSTEM HAS TWO BACK-UPS BUILT IN AS A SAFETY FEATURE!
COME ON, JAMESON! TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT AT ME!
I DOUBLE-DOG DARE YOU--!
--IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE OF US IS THE REAL ONE!


BLAST ALL OF THEM!!!
WITH WHAT?
ALL WE'VE GOT ARE OUR SIDE ARMS. WE PACKED EVERYTHING ELSE AWAY!!
REALITY IS BITING YOU, DR PAZZO!
YOU AND I ARE GETTING OUT OF HERE--
--WHILE THE GETTING IS GOOD!
YOU'VE REALLY GOT TO CONTROL THIS ACTING OUT, CLETUS!
I LOVE IT WHEN YOU TALK THAT SHRINK STUFF TO ME, CAMILLE...!
...IT DRIVES ME CRAZY!!
RAVENCROFT SECURITY
UH--IS IT YOUR INTENTION TO TAKE ME ALONG WITH YOU AS A HOSTAGE?
NO--I THOUGHT YOU AND I COULD HAVE SOME MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE MEANING OF CHAOS!
I'VE HAD A LOT OF TIME TO THINK ABOUT MY PERSONAL WORLD VIEW LATELY, AND I'VE COME TO SOME BRILLIANT CONCLUSIONS!
VROOOOM

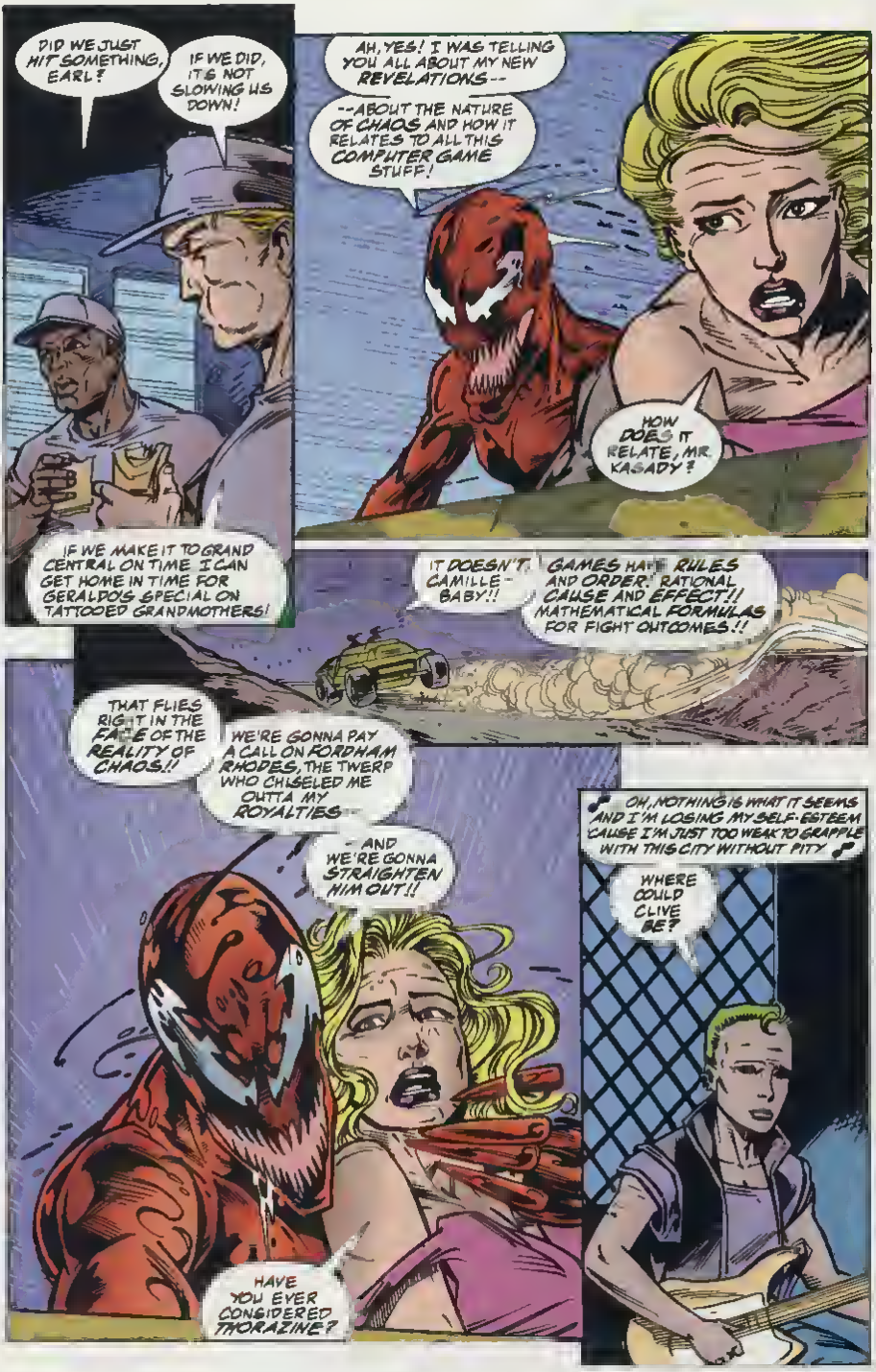
THAT'S RAVENCROFT UP AHEAD!
BUT WHAT'S THAT ARMORED CAR DOING COMING OUT OF THERE AT SUCH A CLIP--?
POLICE
KA-SHUNGG
HA! I ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THAT!!
DIDJA FEEL THAT RUSH, CAMILLE--
--THAT WAS JUST A GLIMPSE OF TRUE CHAOS SPRINGING UP AND GETTING RIGHT IN THE FACE O' THIS BOGUS REALITY WE INHABIT!
I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL WE GET ON THE INTERSTATE AND I GET A CHANCE TO ROLL OVER A WHOLE LINE OF TACKY LITTLE IMPORTS!!
OOOOOH! I CAN HEAR THEM COMMUTERS SQUISHING ALREADY!
YOU'RE AN OBSCENITY, CARNAGE!
YOU WERE GIVEN A GIFT OF POWER FROM THE VERY STARS--


...AND YOU WOULD USE IT TO KILL INNOCENTS!!
YOU DESERVE TO GET YOUR BRAINS SCOOPED OUT WITH A RUNCIBLE SPOON!
VENOM!!!
NOW MY DAY IS COMPLETE...!
...I GOT TO TEAR THE FACES OFF OF FIVE GUARDS, KIDNAP A FOXY SHRINK--
...AND NOW I GET TO RIP THE SPINE OUT OF MY FAVE SELF-RIGHTEOUS SYMBIOTE/GEEK COMBO!
EXCUSE ME-- ISN'T SOMEBODY DRIVING THIS THING?
BETTER REEL IN YER TONGUE BEFORE SOMEBODY YANKS IT OFF! HA! THIS SHOULD BE IN THE GAME!!
GUHN!
HE'S STRONGER THAN HE EVER WAS BEFORE--!
HOOOOONK!
SCHRAK

IS IT A STRENGTH BORN OF INCREASED MADNESS OR HAS HIS ALIEN OTHER UNDERGONE YET ANOTHER MUTATION?
WHICHEVER--THIS EVIL ABERRATION, THIS MALIGNANT MELDING OF THE OFFSHOOT OF MY OTHER AND A PSYCHOPATHIC KILLER MUST BE EXPUNGED--!!
EXTRA POINTS FOR HITTING A GAS TRUCK!
KA-SHUNG
HALF-ON THE METRO NORTH TRACKS! CAN YOU PICTURE THIS ON THE VIDEO SCREEN
THUBBITY
THUBBITY
THUBBITY
AWWW! THE DRIVER GOT OUT!!
WE DON'T GET TO HEAR HIM HOWLING IN PAIN AND AGONY AS HE BURNS TO A CRISP!!
YOU WANT PAIN AND AGONY?
KA-THU
AK
WE'LL GIVE IT TO YOU IN SPADES!
EEEYOW! YA PUT ME DOWN FOR THE COUNT WITH THAT ONE--
IS IT POSSIBLE TO WORK THIS ALL OUT AFTER WE REGAIN CONTROL OF THIS VEHICLE, GUYS?

--NOT!!
WHAMPH!
--YOUR VERNACULAR FALLS INTO DECREPITUDE!
ONE DISADVANTAGE OF BEING INCARCERATED, CARNAGE--
HEH HEH-- HE SAID CREP!
AT LEAST WE GOT MTV IN DR KAFKA'S LITTLE HOUSE OF MENTAL HYGIENE--AS WELL AS NIFTY-PEACHY COMPUTER GAMES!
THIS COULD BE LEVEL 3! CARNAGE AND VENOM TRADE QUIPS AND PUNCHES IN THE TERROR ON THE TRACKS!
ARE YOU IN YOUR NON-SEQUITUR MODE TODAY--?
THE WORLD WILL OWE US A DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR HANGING YOUR GASTRO INTESTINAL TRACT OUT TO DRY!
WHAT'S THE MATTER BROCK-- AM I BREAKING UP YOUR TRAIN OF THOUGHT--?

Woooooooo
...AM I DE-RAILING YOUR BRAIN?
MAYBE THEY CAN SCRAPE YOU OFF AT THE NEXT STATION--
--IF THEY HAVE A SPATULA!!!
NOW, WHERE WERE WE, DR PAZZO--?
KA-SPLATT


DID WE JUST HIT SOMETHING, EARL?
IF WE DID, IT'S NOT SLOWING US DOWN!
IF WE MAKE IT TO GRAND CENTRAL ON TIME I CAN GET HOME IN TIME FOR GERALDO'S SPECIAL ON TATTOOED GRANDMOTHERS!
AH, YES! I WAS TELLING YOU ALL ABOUT MY NEW REVELATIONS--
--ABOUT THE NATURE OF CHAOS AND HOW IT RELATES TO ALL THIS COMPUTER GAME STUFF!
HOW DOES IT RELATE, MR. KASADY?
IT DOESN'T, CAMILLE-BABY!!
GAMES HAVE RULES AND ORDER! RATIONAL CAUSE AND EFFECT!! MATHEMATICAL FORMULAS FOR FIGHT OUTCOMES!!
THAT FLIES RIGHT IN THE FACE OF THE REALITY OF CHAOS!!
WE'RE GONNA PAY A CALL ON RORDHAM RHODES, THE TWERP WHO CHISELED ME OUTTA MY ROYALTIES--
--AND WE'RE GONNA STRAIGHTEN HIM OUT!!
HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THORAZINE?
OH, NOTHING IS WHAT IT SEEMS AND I'M LOSING MY SELF-ESTEEM 'CAUSE I'M JUST TOO WEAK TO GRAPPLE WITH THIS CITY WITHOUT PITY
WHERE COULD CLIVE BE?

AT GRAND CENTRAL STATION..
SEE? NOTHIN' THERE!
I GUESS IT WAS JUST MY IMAGINATION
BUT IT SOUNDED JUST LIKE HITTING A BODY--THAT WET SPLAT AND THE SHEET METAL DRUMMING..
REMEMBER THE TIME WE HIT THAT WINO ON THE LOCAL RUN OUT OF CHAPPAQUIDICK?
YEAH HE WAS SO STEWED HE DIDN'T HEAR US COMING AND--MMMM! INSTANT JELLO SHOTS!
IT WAS THE SOUND--IT WAS EXACTLY LIKE WHAT WE HEARD BACK UP THE LINE..
WELL, IF WE HIT SOMEONE, HE SURE AS BLAZES WOULD STILL BE SMEARED ALL OVER THE ENGINE, NOW WOULDN'T HE?
UHHHH...
..WE DID GOOD--
--BLENDING IN WITH THE TRAIN LIKE THAT..
BUT, OH-- ARE WE HURTING?
DEFINITELY HAVE TO ASSUME A LOW PROFILE WHILE WE RECUPERATE--
--AND THEN WE HAVE TO TRACK DOWN CARNAGE AND SETTLE HIS HASH FOR GOOD.
TO BE CONTINUED... LIKE WE HAD TO TELL YOU THAT!